Foreign Nationals having HIV positive

605. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign nationals in the country who were found to be HIV-positive since 1987 when the National programmes on AIDS were launched and how many of them have been deported;

(b) the number of Indians deported by the various foreign Governments on their being found HIV-positive and which authority is responsible for keeping track of such persons in the country stating the coordinating machinery, if any, between the Central and the State Governments for the purpose; and

(c) what are the reasons for not deporting all the foreign nationals who were found to be HIV-positive and what measures are contemplated by Government to deport them to their respective countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Out of 49,157 foreign national screened for HIV upto 1st June, 1992, 272 were found to be HIV positive. Out of the 272 HIV positive cases, 13 were full blown AIDS cases and the same have been deported.

(b) Till date, as per information available, only 14 Indians have been deported from outside the country. AIDS affected Indian nationals, included deported ones, are provided necessary medicare facilities by the State Health authorities.

(c) As per the guidelines issued by the Central Government, the State/UT Govts. are required to take immediate action for deportation of the HIV infected foreign nationals by informing Ministry of Home Affairs directly.

Sale of harmful and banned drugs

@606. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of multi-national drug companies have been distributing and selling harmful and banned drugs in India;

(b) what is the monitoring system to detect the sale of banned drugs;

(c) whether Government propose to bring forward adequate legislation to penalise medical practitioners who prescribe such banned drugs; and

(d) whether a list of banned drugs is supplied to various State Governments and health authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) It is not a fact that multinational companies have been distributing and selling harmful/irrational formulations banned by the Government of India through notifications published in the Gazette of India.

Based on the recommendations of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, the Government, from time to time, through Gazette notifications, have been prohibiting manufacture and sale of formulations considered ineffective/harmful/irrational in the context of the present knowledge. The list of such baned drugs is also circu-

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